

I, Gerald K. Flakas of 293 Fieldstone Road, Delafield, Wisconsin, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

I believe Congress has the responsibility, as prescribed by the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America, to “promote the general Welfare” of We the People. Part of this responsibility is to ensure that we have a modern, up-to-date infrastructure for the production of energy from clean renewable sources. Wind energy is such a source, and the PTC is an effective means for doing this.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen the wind farm near my community bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating revenue for community schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the projects. Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away, and for Congress to act quickly to pass it.

Sincerely,

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